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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Prior to the examination of this application, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

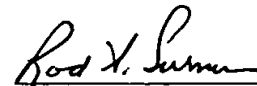
Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 7, line 1 thereof, delete "to 6".

Claim 14, line 1 thereof, change "any of claims 8 to 13" to --claim 8--.

REMARKSThe amendment herein to the claims is made to delete the multiple dependency of
Claims 7 and 14.It is believed that the application is in proper form for examination and such action is
respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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